

Connie Mack Will Trade Schang and Bush—Short Contract Causes Strike

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Connie May Send Catcher to Boston and Pitcher to Jennings' Tigers.

AL MAMAUX DESERTS UNION

Dixie Walker's Brother Gets Another Trial in Big Leagues in the Spring.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

"Bullet" Joe Bush, star of the Athletics' twirling corps, and Wally Schang, the hard-hitting young backstop, who was to have been Connie Mack's first string performer this season, are to be traded. Hughes Jennings, the Tigers' leader, is already in the field for Bush. The Red Sox are entertaining hopes of landing Schang.

When it was announced that Strunk, Schang, and Bush refused to sign at the figures offered by Connie Mack, the team leader declined to talk of possible trades. Indeed, he said, he had no idea of acting in that manner.

Then Connie took a little back water and said that under no circumstances would Amos Strunk be traded. Amos, a quiet, inoffensive, hardworking player, is expected to get the raise he demands and be retained.

Other Two Will Go.

Now Mack admits that he does not expect Bush or Schang to be members of the White Elephants next season. He doesn't say where they will play, but others are willing to come forward with information on that side.

A year ago Jennings sought to purchase Bush, only to be turned down cold. Now he is after him again, with good chances of landing the speedy pitcher. Pitching as he did last season, Bush would come close to winning the pennant for the Juggernauts.

The Red Sox, with Cady, Thomas, and Agnew as their receivers, can well afford to make a handsome offer for Schang. Indeed, Dutch Leonard is said to be the star they will offer in exchange.

Connie Mack's Methods.

Connie Mack's methods are peculiar. In the first place, he insists absolutely on team play. If, because of dissatisfaction with surroundings, for any cause whatever, a player is unable to do his best in a Philadelphia uniform, Connie simply sends that player away.

In some cases, as with Eddie Collins and Jack Barry, who had been long with him, they are allowed to choose their own destination. With others, as Plank, Coombs, and Bender, they are dropped outright.

"I want my players satisfied," is Connie's explanation. "If they find it impossible to be satisfied, or I fail to satisfy them, it is best for them and the team that they go away."

So now both Joe Bush and Wally Schang are expected to be with other teams when marching orders come.

Now Mamaux Deserts.

Now Al Mamaux, next to Grover Cleveland Alexander, the National League's leading pitcher, has deserted Dav Fultz. He promises Barney Dreyfus to be at the station when the Pirates leave for Dixie land.

With each rising sun another baseball player of prominence joins those repudiating the leader of the fraternity. Already two of last year's regulars have signed Washington 1917 contracts. Manager Griffith is withholding their names, though publication might lead to other signatures.

Fultz began talking too soon. He has given the public plenty of time to digest the demands of the players and to study the conditions surrounding the game. The players yet unassigned now know that the public has no interest in their arguments, and that support will be lacking.

Walker Joins Phils.

Ernest Walker, younger brother of Dixie Walker, once with the Griffiths, will return to fast company next spring, joining the Phillies. Pat Moran has given the Little Rock club Ben Tincup, a pitcher, and Bud Weiser, an outfielder, in return for Walker, who is an outfielder.

In 1914 Walker played in Seventy-one games as a pinch hitter and pinch outfielder, hitting for .298. He was sent him back to the minors. In 1915, in Rochester, he hit for .286. Last season, with Little Rock, he hit for .326 in fifty-eight games. A bad knee handicapped him. If this knee again bothers him, Walker will return to Little Rock, sending back the two Phils named in the deal.

Manager Griffith has been given his choice of a date at Rocky Mount, Va., for his Tannagers this spring. He expects to notify the Mountaineers in a day or so just when to look for Altprock's peppy bunch.

MAMAUX WILL REPORT.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 20.—Pitcher Al Mamaux, of the Pittsburgh Pirates, does not believe the strike talk amounts to much. He said today he would make an earnest effort to live down the unsavory reputation applied to him through his suggestion by Manager Callahan last year. Said the star pitcher of the Buccaners: "I am going to be the first to report regardless of strike orders."

GIVES TWO FOR ONE.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 20.—Announcement was made here today by the Pittsburgh National League baseball club that Floyd Farmer, an outfielder, and Westy Siglin, an infielder, have been traded to the Portland club of the Pacific Coast League, in return for Charles W. Ward, a shortstop.

JOHN WORRIES NOT

Says Strike Talk Is All Hot Air in Cold Weather.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Manager John McGraw, of the Giants, worries not at what he reads in the papers. He discounts it all.

"I'm not worrying," says he. "I've signed up enough men to win the National League pennant right now. This strike talk is just a lot of hot air in the winter time."

McGraw expects to go to Cuba within a few days, remaining there until it is time to go to Marlin, Tex.

OLD RIVALS TO MEET IN MILLROSE GAMES

Maxam, of Penn. and Brewer, of Maryland State, in Special Event.

Robert Maxam and Brooke Brewer, star sprinters of St. Alban's School track team last year, will meet for the first time Saturday, January 27, in New York in the special invitation seventy-yard dash at the Millrose games.

Maxam is at Pennsylvania, and is with Lawson Robertson's crack freshman team. He will be entered in the special seventy-yard dash. Maxam has been in training since the holidays, and according to reports will be in fine shape to meet the best sprinters in the East.

Brewer Has Scored.

Brewer, who is a freshman at Maryland State, has already scored his first win on the boards. Two weeks ago in Buffalo Brewer won the national junior sixty-yard championship, defeating the crack youngsters in the East.

Announcement is made today that Brewer will go to New York for the special seventy-yard dash, which will include Roy Morse, Stephenson, Joe Loomis, Alva Meyer, and H. Ward. Several college cracks have been listed for the event.

Has All Last Year.

Maxam and Brewer ran together for St. Alban's all last year. As members of George Green's St. Alban's track team, they swept the boards in every meet and were ahead in the outdoor meets. Toward the last of the spring Maxam and Brewer were running on even terms for the furlong, while Brewer had the edge in the century.

The Penn youngster will also run in the 300-yard dash against some of the best men in the country. He is reported as being in first-class condition.

MACK ALWAYS AHEAD

Philadelphia Leader Realizes on Men at Right Moment.

Connie Mack is the most interesting tail-end manager the American League has had in all its history. The lean, long, intensely earnest baseball educator of Philadelphia is always about two jumps ahead of his colleagues, writes W. J. O'Connor in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. He proved that by realizing fully on Collins, Barry and Baker the minute his greatest machine showed signs of disintegration. Last season, with the most inefficient team the league has ever known, he didn't lose money. His pay roll was less than Roger Bresnahan's ex-outlaw band in Toledo, a Class AA club.

Already the erudite mahout has issued his 1917 prospectus, indicating who will be with his team the coming season. McInnis on first, Grover at second, Witt at short and Bates on third will man the inner defense. Strunk, Bodie and Thrasher will be in the outfield. Schang will have Meyer as his first assistant behind the bat. Joe Bush, Elmer Meyers, Russell Johnson, Jack Nabors and the pick of eleven youngsters will make up the pitching staff. Connie concludes:

"I will not have a weak litter on the team, and I really believe it will be the best batting club in the league. Of course, I am at the mercy of my pitchers, but don't believe me extravagant when I say we will have a hard-hitting team and a tough club to beat with Bush or Myers hurling."

TAKE NO CHANCES

Daubert Will Have Substitute Hanging Around Club.

Unless Ebbs and Uncle Wilbert have gone crazy and hate money and themselves, they will never start another season without a substitute who can play a bang-up first base when Daubert's frail legs suffer their annual injuries, writes Tom Rice, in the Brooklyn Eagle. The lack of such a substitute forced the trading away to New York last season of Lew McCarty for Fred Merkle. The trade saved a pennant for Brooklyn, but it also cost Brooklyn one of the most valuable catchers of recent years.

That taught Ebbs and Robinson a lesson they will never forget, and whenever talk is heard of disposing of Merkle, it may be put down as a certainty that the club has in mind the acquiring of some other first baseman. Jack Miller could play a fairly acceptable first for Brooklyn, and could take his turn filling other holes. He has slipped back in the past two years just about as much as Merkle has, and might climb up a bit if he were to escape from St. Louis.

O'MARA GOES BACK.

OLIE O'MARA, in 1915 considered one of the most promising young shortstops in the major leagues, has floundered. He has been released to Oakland on the Pacific Coast by the Brooklyn club. A broken leg stopped him just as he threatened to become a real star in the infield. Last year he was replaced by Ivan Olson.

DOYLE IS NAMED.

Conrad B. Doyle, captain of the Columbia Country Club tennis team, has been selected to take the Pacific coast trip in March, with Theodore Bell and Benson Frazier, of New York. These players will join Church and Throckmorton, now on tour in the far East, and will play the Pacific coast stars.

INDIANS ARE IN LINE.

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—Practically every member of the Cleveland Americans has signed a 1917 contract. James Dunn, president of the club, announced here today in denying that a threatened strike would seriously cripple the club.

Dunn said that Bobby Roth, a member of the Baseball Players' Fraternity, had not signed, but that he expected to come to terms with him within a week.

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TECH TAKES LEAD IN SCHOOL LEAGUE

Manual Trainers Win, While Business Loses to Central's Five.

By virtue of a 16-to-9 win over Eastern and Central's triumph by 25 to 21 over Central in two extra periods, Tech jumped into the lead in the high school basketball and today stands an excellent chance of eventually landing the title.

One of the largest crowds that ever looked on at scholastic basketball games saw Central come from behind, drawn up on even terms with Business and finally win in extra time. Central's win was well deserved.

Business should have won in the first half. The score stood 15 to 8 when half time was called and Business had demonstrated superiority in every department of the game. Business was reported ill and Mike Racy was substituted at the eleventh hour.

Misses Many Chances.

Business missed many chances at goals from the floor. Had the Stenographers landed half their attempts the score would have precluded any possibility of a win for Central. The second half found a rejuvenated Central team which fathomed the Business attack.

Daley, of Central, got going in the second half, and put his team in the running. Kaplan and Long played rings around Racy and Ralph Wise, and when Glasses was removed on account of personal fouls Central came forward with a rush.

Lost Opportunity.

The score stood 17 all at the conclusion of the game. Daley having missed a free throw that would have landed the title. Both Ralph Wise and Daley had three chances to land the game in the first extra period on free tosses. The score stood 19 all and in the extra period Daley and Solomon counted. Racy shot one for Business, and with both teams getting two from the free throw line, Central finally landed.

Business failed to record a goal in the second half so closely were Racy and Wise guarded. Central made most of its attack, and when Glasses was gone drew up on even terms and a final win.

Tech Disappoints.

Tech's 16 to 9 victory over Eastern was somewhat disappointing. The Manual Trainers were expected to run rings around the Easterners. Coach McCaffrey's youngsters out-paced Tech's players, who plainly showed the effects of too much play during the week.

Neither Catlin nor Tabb, Tech's scoring was up to snuff. On free tosses both teams were away off and Tech's inability to shoot from the floor was noticeable. The fact that the fact that Tech had rolled up better than thirty points in each of the previous games.

Play on Tuesday.

The first half of the schedule will be completed on Tuesday. Central and Western will play while Tech and Business are on for an engagement. Tech asked to shove the date up in order to make a trip to Martinsburg on Friday next.

The loss of Buck Wise proved too much of a handicap for Business yesterday, and unless the veteran play on Tuesday the Stenographers are doomed for a licking.

TOME'S DATE OUT

Port Deposit School Announces Annual Field and Track Games.

The advance notice of the annual track games to be held at Tome Institute has made an appearance. Tome will stage its set of games on May 19, which comes one week after the annual field and track championships to be held here for the high schools.

The date is two weeks after the annual Maryland State College games and two weeks after the South Atlantic Intercollegiate.

Tome has announced a trophy for the team winning the first place. The Port Deposit men say they are instituting a new idea in that if the Tome School wins the meet it will not take the trophy but will give it to the second team.

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BOB THAYER'S Sporting Gossip

The more we hear of Darcy the less heroic he seems to be.

Every time a player returns an unsigned contract, he is at once hailed as "a holdout." This is unfair to players seeking more money in a purely legitimate manner. Not a winter passes but that clubs have correspondence back and forth with players who believe themselves entitled to more money than offered at first. A holdout is a player who refuses to sign a contract before offered to report for training. Before it was customary to require signatures before entering into training at the club's expense, no player was a holdout until the season started. Now he becomes one if not in line when the training season opens around March 1.

A ball players' strike will hurt the public about as much as one by the stars of grand opera.

In three years Willie Jackson, born Oscar Tobler, has leaped from the status of a \$9 preliminary boxer to a \$5,000 performer. His last step upward took less than three minutes. In that time he handed Johnny Dundee a hook on the point of the jaw, sending him to dreamland. Now he is considering taking \$5,000 for a battle with Freddie Welsh, the lightweight champion. Furthermore, he is willing to let Welsh weigh 135 pounds, though he himself is but 128 pounds. Jackson's rise is but one more of those rapid leaps that attract so many hams into the ring. When they start, they all think they're champions. Here and there you'll find Willie Jackson, but only here and there.

Les Darcy says Philadelphia is the coldest city he ever visited.

Six of the Chicago Cubs, hold-overs from the Federal League, drew \$38,000 last season, which is a partial explanation for the willingness of Charles Weegman to come back to earth this winter. Many, high-priced spavins, like Rollo Zeider, will be released to the minors. Others, like Jimmy Archer, will have their former salaries chopped almost in halves. Weegman is generous well-nigh to a fault, but he isn't going to throw away hard money on men who can't deliver the goods. He now knows that baseball is not the gold mine the Federal Leaguers promised. He's been through it. He knows.

"Darcy may be second Bill Squires,"—Headline. Have a heart. Nobody could be as bad as that.

It is doubtful if a more interesting athletic entertainment were ever staged by a local club than that of the Mohawk A. C. last night, at its annual smoker. Boxing and wrestling talent of the city's best, including Joe Turner, middleweight mat champion of the world, and his brother, Milton, of respectable wrestling ability; Young Thomas, featherweight boxing champion of the District; Teddy Murray, well-known local wrestler, and others. These furnished a gathering, that filled to capacity the spacious gymnasium of the club, with a number of exhibitions that would have given satisfaction to the crankiest of sport lovers. From the number of persons that attended the smoker indications are that the Mohawk Club eventually will become the greatest athletic organization in this section of the country.

Al Demaree says the fraternity players are back of Fultz. How far back?

When the players get those new contracts, totting large cuts on the first ones, what will they do? How long do you think they'll stick to Dave Fultz, who has absolutely nothing to lose? American League players have a habit of bawling out Dan Johnson. But, if you know any of them, when they return from a little interview with the "boss of base ball," they always remark on his simplicity, his respect for their feelings, his generosity. If the American Leaguers are wise, they'll trail along with Johnson and let Fultz fall by the wayside.

"Bonehead" will truly fit the players if they hang on to their present course.

When a wrestler struggles against the odds confronting Joe Turner in his match with Mike Yokel for the middleweight championship of the world, and wins out, even through rough work is largely instrumental in bringing about victory, he is entitled to victory in every sense of the word. True it is that Turner played a tattoo on the floor with Yokel's blonde cranium and was forced to disable him in order to win, but the gameness of Turner showed in the face of defeat and the battle he put up before superior weight and strength easily entitles him to all honors.

He gave probably the finest display of grit ever witnessed in a local wrestling match.

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BROWNS' SALARIES RAISED

Rickey, Expects Trouble in Lining Up His Players.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 20.—Contracts for 1917 were mailed yesterday to a majority of the Brown players, despite the threatening attitude of the Players' Fraternity and its effervescent organizer, Dave Fultz. In many cases these contracts contained a salary reduction, consequential to the end of the late Federal League war.

Along with the contracts went a notice to report here on March 3 for the drive on Texas, where the Browns will do their spring training. Like-wise the players received a warning that no players unassigned will be taken on the training trip.

Business Manager Branch Rickey said today he expected some difficulty in signing a few of the players, but that in the long run he expected the athletes to understand that the salary reductions were warranted and good. Many of the players have been extended the privilege of coming to St. Louis for a personal chat with the Browns' business manager.

DUFFY WILL BE COACH.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 20.—Hugh Duffy, manager and principal owner of the Portland club, of the Eastern League, was elected as head coach for the Harvard baseball team today. Fred W. Moore, graduate-treasurer of the Harvard Athletic Association, announced tonight that Duffy had been assigned for a year, the appointment being subject to the approval of the association.

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G. W. U. BOWLERS ORGANIZE LEAGUE

Ten Teams Representing Chapters of Interfraternity Association Roll.

George Washington University students have been bitten by the bowling bug. On January 16 they rolled the first match of a newly-organized duckpin league composed of teams of the interfraternity association of the institution.

Officers of the league are the same as those of the interfraternity organization, of which Russell L. Du Val is president; Munn Q. Cannon, vice president and treasurer; and Edwin B. Hunt, secretary.

Ten Teams in League.

Ten of the thirteen chapters composing the interfraternity association are represented in the league, as follows: Sigma Chi, Kappa Alpha, Theta Delta Chi, Phi Mu Kappa, Delta Tau Delta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Sigma Nu, Psi Omega, and Phi Chi. Thus, if there is anything in a name, the George Washington students have some league for good or otherwise.

A schedule has been arranged which calls for competition up to April 17, all matches to be rolled on the Arcade alleys.

Have Long Schedule.

The schedule follows: January 23—Psi vs. Omega, Sigma Chi vs. Theta Delta Chi.

February 6, Kappa Alpha vs. Phi Sigma Alpha, Delta Tau Delta vs. Sigma Phi Epsilon; 8, Sigma Alpha Epsilon vs. Phi Chi, Sigma Nu vs. Psi Omega; 13, Sigma Chi vs. Phi Sigma Kappa; Theta Delta Chi vs. Kappa Alpha; 15, Delta Tau Delta vs. Sigma Nu, Sigma Phi Epsilon vs. Phi Chi; 20, Sigma Alpha Epsilon vs. Psi Omega; Sigma Chi vs. Delta Tau Delta; 27, Kappa Alpha vs. Sigma Nu, Phi Sigma Kappa vs. Phi Chi.

March 1, Theta Delta Chi vs. Psi Omega; Sigma Alpha Epsilon vs. Sigma Nu; Phi Epsilon; 6, Sigma Chi vs. Sigma Nu, Delta Tau Delta vs. Kappa Alpha; 8, Theta Delta Chi vs. Phi Chi; Phi Sigma Kappa vs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon; 13, Sigma Chi vs. Psi Omega vs. Psi Omega, Phi Chi vs. Sigma Chi; 15, Sigma Chi vs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon; Delta Tau Delta vs. Theta Delta Chi; 20, Kappa Alpha vs. Sigma Phi Epsilon; Phi Sigma Kappa vs. Psi Omega; 22, Sigma Alpha Epsilon vs. Sigma Nu, Phi Chi vs. Sigma Chi; 27, Theta Delta Chi vs. Sigma Phi Epsilon; Phi Sigma Kappa vs. Delta Tau Delta; 29, Kappa Alpha vs. Psi Omega; Sigma Chi vs. Sigma Phi Epsilon.

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